Consumer Courts Working in the Country

488. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of consumer courts presently working in the country and particularly in the North-Eastern States, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to set up more consumer courts particularly in the rural areas of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) At present one National Commission, 32 State Commissions and 526 District Fora have been established in the country, out of which 7 State Commissions and 65 District Fora are in the North-Eastern States. The State-wise information is in the Statement (*see* below).

(b) & (c) The Consumer Protection Act, 1986 provides for setting up of additional District Forum in a district if so warranted by the work-load. The responsibility for setting up of additional District Forum and its location rests with the State Government/UT Administrations.

Statement

State-wise Details of the Consumer Courts

States/UTs	No. of State Commission	No. of District Forum
Andhra Pradesh	1	25
Arunachal Pradesh	1	13
Assam	1	23
Bihar	1	55
Goa	1	2
Gujarat	1	20
Haryana	1	17
Himachal Pradesh	1	12
Jammu & Kashmir	1	2
Karnataka	1	22
Kerala	1	14
Madhya Pradesh	1	45
Maharashtra	1	34
Manipur	1	8
Meghalaya	1	7
Mizoram	1	3
Nagaland	1	8
Orissa	1	31
Punjab	1	17
Rajasthan	1	33
Sikkim	1	4
Tamil Nadu	1	24
Tripura	1	3
Uttar Pradesh	1	72
West Bengal	1	19
A&N Island	1	2
Chandigarh Admn.	1	2
D&N Haveli	1	1
Daman & Diu	1	2
Delhi	1	4
Lakshadweep	1	1
Pondicherry	1	1
TOTAL	32	526

Review of Functioning of TPDS

489. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the functioning of the newly Targeted Public Distribution System introduced earlier this year;

(b) if so, the assessment regarding the States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan;

(c) whether additional measures are being contemplated to streamline the system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what are the financial implications?